California GIS Council – January 2009 Meeting

Agenda Item 4 – Role of the Council for the State GIO

GIO Background

- Established as a recommendation of the GIS Task Force Report "Visualizing California"
- Administratively Established (Budget Change Proposal Process in State Govt.)
- Defined as a Deputy Director of the CIO; reports to the Chief Deputy Director of the CIO
- The GIO is responsible for ensuring that the State of California receives the benefits associated with Geospatial data, specifically, increased data access and sharing; reduced GIS duplication and costs; developments of GIS Standards; Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) centers of expertise; public outreach; increased collaboration
- Has received \$1.3 million in Homeland Security Grant funds for standing up a 'Virtual California'
- **Duties:** Reviews Strategic GIS Projects; Builds and maintains the California Spatial Data Infrastructure; Establishes effective and sustainable coordination with working partners and stakeholders to ensure the maintenance of critical data sets; Establish project approval, funding and procurement process that promote statewide strategies and standards; Provide oversight and accountability to help ensure proper alignment with program needs and strategies; Assist in making California a world class leader in GIS; Represent the State of California on national geospatial policy issues

Council Background

- Strategic Plan http://www.cgia.org/CA%20StrategicPlan%20P2.pdf
- The primary **Goals** of The Council are:
 - o 1. **Planning**: To identify California's geographic information needs and priorities and to promote cooperation in meeting these needs.
 - o 2. **Collaborative policy development:** To serve as the primary forum for members to seek consensus on policies that promote development and dissemination of a comprehensive GIS infrastructure in California.
 - o 3. **Funding**: To leverage existing funding and develop new partnerships and resources to build
- The Council **Duties** are:
 - The Council will recommend policies, institutions and implementation strategies needed to develop and maintain California's geographic information infrastructure.
 - o Member agencies agree to be actively involved in Council discussions, study of issues and policy implementation through their agencies.
 - The Council will prepare an implementation plan that identifies quarterly and annual objectives for implementing the California Geographic Information Infrastructure in California.

- o The Council shall meet regularly to review progress in accomplishing its purpose and to revise the implementation plan as needed. The Council shall meet annually to review progress and to discuss proposals for accomplishing future goals and objectives.
- The Council will produce and distribute information pertaining to Council activities on a regular basis.

Discussion Points

- How would we like to proceed as a body with respect to the GIO?
- What opportunities for success are there for us to proceed?
- What value add can we give the GIO?
- How might our Strategic Plan lay the foundation for continued involvement?